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REJECT FEDERAL DOLE

Congress recently rejected a bi-partisan move to expand and lengthen the unemployment compensation system. In effect, opponents charged that it would have amounted to a Federal dole.

Congress, we think, should be congratulated on the rejection of this politically-connected move. In the first place, unemployment compensation is something that should be reserved for emergencies. We believe this is an emergency, and unemployment compensation has certainly served many workers well in the emergency. On the other hand, we must remember that there are many who take advantage of the unemployment compensation system, and work only as long as they must each year, and are content to draw unemployment compensation during the rest of the year. Therefore, if unemployment compensation is extended, it means that we will automatically be paying wages of many loafers out of tax funds for a longer period.

As unemployment compensation now works, the states have some authority in saying how long unemployment payments can be continued. This is good, and we think that the more local control the better in the unemployment compensation field.

There are many who believe that unemployment compensation payments—which can be extended over a six-month period in many states, is a sufficient contribution from the government (or from the unemployed's fellow citizens) and need not be increased. The industrious individual, whether he be man or woman, can—in six months time—find some way to make a few dollars until times are better or until he can regain his old job, or until he can resume drawing unemployment compensation.

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CONSISTENCY AND CHILDREN

It is no secret that there are a number of "little monsters" loose and operating in the United States today. Some of them are the direct result of the modern school of rearing children, which blossomed so profusely in the past few decades. One can see on all sides the over-solid mother, who has been fed a theoritical diet of pap in the magazines and by theorists, concerning child behavior. They are the ones who are deathly afraid of crushing Junior's "spirit." As a result, Junior's spirit is never crushed and he becomes a little larger monster daily.

Occasionally, too, father has been sucked in on this sort of rugbish but—perhaps because he is away at the office most of the day—he is less likely to have succombed to this sickness.

Let it be remembered here that the child who is brought up uncurbed, so that he does not know what discipline is, and is not prepared to face it as it must be faced, is under a terrible handicap. He will either run afoul of the law and be disciplined by the courts, or he will shrink into his shell as the first exposure to the tough world, and live the rest of his life behind his mother's skirts, or behind the protective skirts of a newly-found wife, or some other shelter.

Of course, with many children it is possible that strict measures to enforce discipline will seldom, if ever, be necessary. With other children discipline is a "must," and unless they have it, and unless they are started out on the road of life correctly, with a sense of balance and values and discipline, they will suffer the consequences the rest of their life.

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A FAVOR DAILY

The Boy Scouts of America, one of the finest organizations we know of has as one of its foundation principles the creed of doing one good deed a day. In other words, Scouts are encouraged to do one good deed a day, so that they will make some contribution to human relations.

Our thought is that this rule is a good one for local citizens, as well as for Boy Scouts. And, if you will consider it a moment, it will work wonders for both the community and for those participating.

Many days pass when most of us have a little extra time, or have an opportunity to help a neighbor in some way. Too often we assume the attitude that life is a dog-eat-dog affair, and that our neighbor can shift for himself, as he apparently leaves us to shift on our own.

Yet, a little consideration and kindness, and a helping hand, even if unexpected, will work wonders. Humans being human, your kindness and your consideration will not only set an example but will react in a sort of chain reaction. Before too long, one's helpfulness will become contagious and he will soon find himself on the other end of friendly and beneficial gestures on the part of his neighbors.

If life seems somewhat dry to you, or if you seem to be somewhat dried up—in the opinion if some of your associates—you might give the Boy Scout rule a trial. Do a favor a day for someone, and watch the results. In the long run, the person who have benefited most will have been you.

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FATHER'S DAY, 1958

Forty-eight years ago, Mrs. John Bruce Dodd was the driving force in starting Americans to celebrate Father's Day. Since 1910 the third Sunday in June has been observed as Father's Day, although it is not usually declared a legal holiday. This year Father's Day comes on the 15th of June.

Each year on Father's Day, emphasis is placed on a closer father-child relation as a means of building a better world. The important role that a father plays in molding the character of his children has been recognized through the ages. Aristotle wrote, "From good parents comes a good son." George Herbert said, "One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."

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Washington Notes

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Although voicing some objections President Eisenhower has signed a bill providing boosts in rates on letters, air mail, post cards, newspapers, magazines and advertising matter.

The legislation also carries pay increases for some 520,000 postal workers and foreshadows probable pay hikes for another million workers in the government's civil service.

U. S. - Burma Farm Deal

The Agriculture Department has announced it had agreed to sell Burma $18,000,000 worth of surplus farm products. The sale will be made for Burmese currency. The agreement provides for the sale of $13,600,000 worth of cotton, $1,500,000 worth of soy beans or cottonseed oil, $1,000,000 worth of tobacco and $600,000 worth of dairy products. Ocean transportation, included n the total figure, was estimated at $1,000,000.

Grounding Advocated

The House Appropriations Committee has called for an end to the military practice of allowing officers with desk jobs to fly a few hours a month so that they can get higher pay.

In a report accompanying the new military money bill, the committee said the extra flight pay was justified for those who fly combat planes and who must keep up their combat proficiency.

Air Routes Set

The Government has established an experimental system of transcontinental air routes on which all flying will be subject to ground control at all times.

The objective is safety — the prevention of air collisions by traffic controllers on the ground.

Farm Co-ops Gain

The nation's farmer cooperatives continue to increase in membership despite a decline in farm population. The co-ops now have more than 7,700,000 members compared with 2,700,000 in the late ninsteen twenties, the Agriculture Department reports.

India Rejects Bomb Bid

India has rejected a United States invitation to observe a "clean" hydrogen bomb test in the Pacific this summer, according to a State Department announcement.

The Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia also have turned down the bid.

The State Department press officer, Lincoln White, said only Belgium and Sweden had agreed to attend the test. Invitations were sent to fourteen member countries of the United Nations committee on radio-activity.

Child Parley Called

President Eisenhower has issued a formal call for a sixth White House conference on Children and Youth to be held in March 1960. Such a conference has been held every ten years since the first one was called in 1909 by President Theodore Roosevelt.

About The Home

By Frances Dell

Something new in the gardening department—a new way to plant a flower bed. It is called "Floweramat" and comes to you in a roll packed in a box. All you do is roll it out, water it, and see what happens. We have not tried this new way of gardening, but next year we plan to, and will report the results to our readers.

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... Bible School is in ... week at the Baptist ...

... picnic was well at... Park last Wednes... fine time.

... Nelson Garrett and ... Clara Garrett Sun... Howard Glover and ... Sullivan, of Lynchburg ... Mrs. G W. Glover ... week-end.

... cement at Ever... on Tuesday night ... attended. The exercises ... well-trained grad... ... a credit to our ... Louis B. Staples and ... Black.

... Lee Franklin has measles, and Johnnie Chenault has a broken collar bone. Hope both will soon be well.

We are glad to have Mr. Elijah Farrar back with us.

Emile and Bonnie and Millie Bruce are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Eva Snowden for a few weeks at Port Royal, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Basham, of Lynchburg visited Mrs. O. C. Paulette Sunday P. M.

Hood Have Done It?

East Orange, N. J.- Mrs. Charlotte Haddick has been hoodwinked.

Mrs. Haddick told police she parked her car in the rear of her home one night and came out the next morning to find the hood missing.

Police are looking for the hoodlums.

Man Falls, Saves Dog

Fremo, Calif.- A laborer fell into an 18-foot dry well and found a dog missing for two weeks. Harold Jones was plowing an empty lot when he dropped into the well. As he was climbing out, he heard barking. The dog was rescued, weak from hungar, but otherwise O.K.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, June 9.- Two soldiers, E. K. Graham, of Mount Ulia, N. C., and Marvin Glover, who became friends while at Fort Belvoir met again on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Graham and Belinda were week-end guests of the Glovers.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins McPhillips announce the birth of a daughter, Kimberly, in Richmond on Tuesday. This is their second child.

On Sunday, Mrs. Charlie Williams went to Richmond to spend a week with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins McPhillips.

Mrs. Pat McPhillips, of Catharpin, formerly of Hixburg; Mrs. Louis Flinn, her daughter, Electrician's Mate 1/C Louis Flinn, Johnnie and Ronnie were Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips.

The Flinns have been living at the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Maryland. On June 20, they will head for San Diego, Calif., his next station.

On Sunday, Nannie Belle Goin accompanied her sister, Mrs. Marshall Harris to Williamsburg, where she will make her home.

Jimmy Sears, Jr., of Lynchburg is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sears.

Mrs. Eugene Dunaway (nee Sallie Brown) of Detroit, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Burley. From here Mrs. Dunaway will go to Virginia Beach.

There is to be a Daily Vacation Bible School at Walkers Presbyterian Church, beginning June 23 and closing June 27. The instruction will be from 9:0 Oo'clock A. M. to 11:30 A. M. The committee on arrangements consists of Mr Wilbur Maxwell, Mrs. E. A. Covington, Mrs. Bob Covington and Dr Twyman Williams.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

An increasing number of veterans hospitalized by Veterans Administration for severe mental illness are recovering and leaving the hospital, figures released by the agency show.

VA said its hospitals placed 6,736 mental patients on trial visit to their home communities during the first six months of fiscal year 1958, and 13,200 during the entire fiscal year 1957.

The fiscal 1957 number represents a 7 per cent increase over the 12,351 patients placed on trial visit from VA hospitals in fiscal 1956, a 32 per cent increase over the 9,985 in fiscal 1955, and a 73 per cent increase over the 7,617 in fiscal 1953.

Most of the patients leaving the hospitals on trial visit have been treated for severe mental conditions, VA said.

The average daily patient load of mentally ill veterans in VA hospitals has remained at around the same number since the beginning of fiscal year 1956, but rose between 1953 and 1955. Currently, the figure is 57,427, which includes 52,456 veterans with severe mental illness and 4,967 with less severe psychiatric disorders.

VA said the increase in patients on trial visit can be attributed to changes in therapies (including introduction of tranquilizing drugs and more emphasis on individual and group psychotherapy), to an increase in open wards, and to reawakened interest in development of new habits of resocialization to prepare patients for return to community living.

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Who Are Strong?

Lesson for June 22, 1958

IF YOU see a "Strong Man" advertised on the midway at the State fair, you know what he'll be. You expect to see a man with legs like pillars, with arms like bundles of cables, a man who can lift hundreds of pounds without so much as puffing. But a muscle-man isn't necessarily a strong man. It is not our muscles that make us men; gorillas have powerful muscles but they are still gorillas. This is not to say anything against athletes or athletics or healthy bodies. These are all good. But the point is: the characteristically, unmistakably human thing about human beings is not their muscles, it is their mind, their spirit. A strong man is not strong in the full human sense of that word unless his strength shows somewhere besides his bones and muscles.

Dr. Foreman

Lose Well

Another wrong notion of what a "strong man" is, can be seen in many popular plots in novels and TV dramas. There the strong man is often the man who is a sort of lone wolf, playing a lone hand, a man without partners or intimate friends. Now there is some truth in the idea that "he travels the fastest who travels alone," but strength is not in stand-offishness. It is not in being a law to oneself. The story of Samson in the Bible has its comic moments, but it is really a tragedy, for it is the story of a man who looked strong, indeed he had no reputation for anything at all but strength; yet he wasted his strength in useless stunts, and never became the strong leader that the times, and his people's needs, demanded His people, the Israelites, were very much under the thumbs of the Philistines at the time. First and last, Samson caused the death of hundreds of those Philistines, yet when he died his nation was still no nation, only scattered hill tribes dominated by the Philistines' power.

Power of God

Place in comparison Samson and Jesus. Or if you think that is unfair, then contrast Samson and Saint Paul. In a wrestling match Samson could have broken Paul's neck; but only in his muscles was Samson the stronger man. Or if you think that is still unfair, contrast Samson with another of the "judges" or heroes of old Israel, the one his friends called Jerubbaal and we call Gideon. These were both men of the people, called by God to heroic deliverance of their people from oppression, invasion and slavery. Gideon accomplished his task; Samson failed. What was the difference? The student can identify a number of differences; but crowning them all is the fact that Gideon put himself and his abilities at the disposal of God for the benefit of his countrymen; while Samson's powers were used for Samson. Even the spectacular slaughter of his dying moments was—in his own words—revenge for one of his lost eyes. A purely personal vengeance.

Who Are the Strong?

Who are the really strong today? Not the weight-lifters, the professional muscle-men. Not the lone operators, setting their wits against every other man's. The truly strong are those who devote all the powers they have to God and his cause, to justice and peace in the world. The strongest are those who know best the secret of inner strength. Paul was as we just noted, no giant. But it was little Paul who could say "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." It was this same small yet mighty man who could write to young Christians in the Roman Empire, men who were not gladiators nor soldiers, about being "filled with all the fullness of God," and prayed for them that they might "know what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe" (Eph. 1:19). The greatest tragedies of life are not the men in wheel chairs, paraplegics, polio victims. The greatest tragedies are in the lives of men and women who—though they might have been filled with the power of God, might have lived strong victorious lives, have turned away from God, lived only to themselves, and wasted even the powers they had.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members of the Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station supply the answers).

Q. What can I do about fire blight on pears and apples?

A. Applications of streptomycin sulphate around blossom time are very effective. There isn't much you can do now. Avoid fertilizing.

Q. Is it too late to plant ensilage corn?

A. Plant in time to harvest before frost. There are short-season varieties which will mature in about 90 days. Consult your county agent about the varieties adapted to your area.

Q. Since tobacco transplanting has already been delayed nearly three weeks, would it still be advisable to sidedress?

A. Whether or not to sidedress should not be affected by the delay in transplanting time. There will probably be less occasion this year to sidedress than usual, however, unless regular applications of fertilizer have been on the scanty side.

Q. How can I keep weeds out of my tobacco plant bed during the summer?

A. Seed a cover crop after you are through transplanting. Plow and disk in the cover crop between mid-August and September 1. In the fall you should apply one of the chemicals for weed control.

Q. What fertilizer should I use, and when, if sawdust is used in mulching the garden?

A. At planting time apply fertilizer liberfully. Use about 30 pounds of a 5-10-5 per 1,000 square feet. This can be broadcast after the land is plowed. Harrow it into the top 2 or 3 inches of soil. If you prefer to apply it along the row, use about 6 pounds per 100 feet of row. Watch the plants carefully during the growing season. If they become light green or yellowish in color, they need more nitrogen. Apply a sidedressing of a fertilizer containing readily available nitrogen, such as nitrate of soda, at the rate of about 2 pounds per 100 feet of row. If you do not have a nitrogen fertilizer, use a 6-pound application of 5-10-5 per 100 feet of row as you did at planting.

Q. At what stage should red clover be harvested?

A. From 1-4 to 1-2 bloom.

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Louisville, Ky.- An airplane that resembles a large toy is the first home-made two-wing craft to be certified by the Civil Aeronautics Authority in Kentucky.

The biplane, built by Joseph K. Wesley, 32, is 12 feet long and its wings span 16 and 13 feet. It has a 65-horsepower engine and cruises at about 100 miles an hour.

Wesley, an airline mechanic, said the plane, which he made from spare parts from other planes, cost less than $500 to build. He has about 90 flying hours' time in the one-stater.

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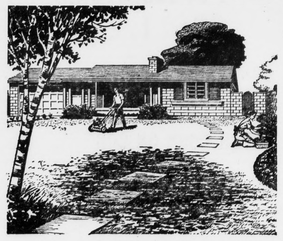

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